



**GARRETT COUNTY**  
**AGRICULTURAL PROFILE**

Garrett County is the western most county in the state. It ranks first in total area and second in land area (the difference being water area). Garrett is called tableland because of the plateau. The average elevation is 2,500 feet. Garrett County is bordered on the south and west by West Virginia, and on the east by Allegany County.

Garrett is truly a four seasons county with spring, cool summer, colorful fall and plenty of snow for winter.

Garrett County is basically a dairy and livestock area because of the climate, growing season, soil type and topography. It presently ranks fourth in the state in dairy production with the bulk of milk finding a Pennsylvania market.

Maple syrup production is still a unique industry of Garrett County, with 10 to 15 sugar bushes still operating.

**GARRETT AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS**

Crop	Year	Unit	Acreage Harvested	Average Yield	Total Production
Corn for Grain	1996	Bu.	*	*	*
	1997		*	*	*
	1998		*	*	*
Corn for Silage	1996	Tons.	*	*	*
	1997		*	*	*
	1998		*	*	*
Soybeans	1996	Bu.	*	*	*
	1997		*	*	*
	1998		*	*	*
Wheat	1996	Bu.	*	*	*
	1997		*	*	*
	1998		*	*	*
Hay	1996	Tons.	22,000	2.6	57,000
	1997		22,400	2.5	56,100
	1998		22,200	1.8	38,800
Barley	1996	Bu.	*	*	*
	1997		*	*	*
	1998		*	*	*

Crop Production Rank among MD. Counties, 1999				Livestock Inventories Rank among MD. Counties, 1997 <sup>1</sup>	
Corn	<sup>3</sup>	Oats	<sup>3</sup>	Cattle	4
Wheat	<sup>3</sup>	Barley	<sup>3</sup>	Hogs	15
Hay	5	Soybeans	<sup>3</sup>	Sheep	7
				Milk Production	4 <sup>5</sup>

GARRETT AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

Farm Numbers & Size <sup>1</sup>	1987	1992	1997
Number of Farms	670	634	649
Average Size (acres)	181	175	166
Land in Farms (acres)	121,529	110,699	107,695

Livestock (Number on Farms) <sup>1</sup>	1987	1992	1997
Cattle Inventory     Jan. 1	24,186	23,443	24,895
Hog Inventory        Dec. 1	3,084	1,643	1,001
Sheep Inventory     Jan. 1	2,357	1,719	1,341

Average Number of Milk Cows	1997	1998	1999
	5,000	5,900	5,800

Milk Production - 1,000 lbs.	1997	1998	1999
	71,200	86,000	87,000

Value of Sales <sup>1</sup>	1987	1992	1997
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	----- Thousand Dollars -----		
All Products	19,377	20,437	20,997
Crops	1,639	2,198	2,407
Livestock, Poultry and Poultry Products	17,738	18,240	18,590

<sup>1</sup> Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

<sup>2</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>3</sup> Unranked - Data not published.

<sup>4</sup> Revised.

<sup>5</sup> 1999.

\* Acreage too small to publish.

MONTHLY WEATHER DATA - 1999

MONTH	AVERAGE TEMP. (F)	NORMAL 1961-1990	TOTAL RAINFALL (INCHES)	NORMAL 1961-1990
January	30.1	25.6	4.97	3.19
February	32.5	27.8	2.71	2.95
March	32.6	37.5	4.49	4.07
April	50.0	46.7	5.52	4.34
May	57.4	56.3	1.74	4.71
June	64.9	63.8	1.29	4.38
July	72.5	67.7	3.70	5.12
August	66.9	66.6	2.39	4.17
September	60.4	60.4	3.58	3.27
October	50.1	49.6	3.34	3.19
November	44.6	40.1	3.94	3.64
December	32.8	30.3	2.32	3.74
Annual	49.6	47.7	39.99	46.77

Number frost free days for 1999	142
Normal frost free days 1951-1980	128 <i>(1961-1990 Not available)</i>
Highest temperature 07-31-99	92
Lowest temperature 03-08-99	- 7

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